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September 6, 2016

Dr. Richard Robinson
Detroit Community Schools
12675 Burt Road
Detroit, Michigan 48223

Dear Dr. Robinson:

On August 19, 2016 I sent you a letter requesting the employment status of Ms. Sharon McPhail and Ms. Echelle Jordan in order to determine the appropriate State Aid deduction for these two individuals for the October payment, in accordance with MCL 388.1763.

Your return letter, and a subsequent phone conversation on August 29, 2016, confirmed that these two individuals remain employed by the district in the same positions without the Administrator Certification required by law. During that call, we also established that Ms. McPhail, although her title was changed by the Board, is still performing the roles and responsibilities of a school district Superintendent.

This letter serves as notification that the school district's monthly State Aid payment, beginning in October 2016, will reflect the following deductions:

\$3,279.89 – for extended repayment of the 2015-16 non-certification audit finding

\$17,916.66 – for the continuing employment of McPhail and Jordan

At such time as the Board takes official action to change the status of employment of these individuals, and notifies the Michigan Department of Education, we will recalculate the monthly deductions.

Sincerely,

Leah C. Breen
Director
Office of Professional Preparation Services

cc: Brian Whiston, State Superintendent
Dan Hanrahan

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